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SUBJECT: ILO-INQUIRY REGARDING DIRECTOR GENERALS HEALTH

REF: STATES 192124

1. ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL WILFRED JENKS, WHO WAS IN ROME ON BUSINESS, SUFFERED ILLNESS INVOLVING HEART ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 5. WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS A HEART ATTACK IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR ALTHOUGH SOURCES HERE POINT OUT THAT JENKS HAS HAD PREVIOUS HEART TROUBLE. JENKS HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED UNDER REGIMEN COMPLETE REST. ACCORDING PIER PAOLO FANO, LOCAL ILO REPRESENTATIVE, JENKS MAY BE ABLE RETURN GENEVA WEEK OF OCTOBER 8 BUT MUST HAVE COMPLETE REST BE SEVERAL WEEKS FOLLOWING RETURN. DOCTORS WXPECTED TO CAUTION AGAINST JENKS PARTICIPATION IN NOVEMBER 5 ILO GOVERNING BODY MEETING BUT HE MAY FEEL ATTENDANCE IMPERATIVE.

2. SINCE JENKS ILLNESS HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC BY ILO OFFICIALS (INDEED A KIND OF SECRECY VEIL PERTAINED FOR A TIME), AND SINCE FANO DID NOT ENCOURAGE IDEA, EMBASSY DOES NOT PLAN TO SEND JENKS GET WELL NOTE. SUGGEST US MISSION GENEVA CONVEY WISHES SPEEDY RECOVERY OR OTHER ACTION AS APPROPRIATE UPON HIS RETURN.

3. ACCORDING SOURCES HERE JENKS HAS EVERY INTENTION COMPLETE HIS TERM OF OFFICE ALTHOUGH HE MAY BE FORCED TO DELGATE MORE RESPONSIBILITY THAN IS HIS MANNER. DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FRANCIS
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BLANCHARD IS DESCRIBED BY SOME AS OPEN CANDIDATE REPLACES JENKS NOW OR IN 1975.

4. RE DISCUSSION ILO GOVERNING BODY SPECIAL SESSION ON CHILE,.

MUNOZ-LEDO IN ROME LAST WEEK MENTIONED PRESSURES, CONTERPRESSURES
AND FACT THAT EACH PASSING DAY MADE SPECIAL SESSION BEFORE REGULAR
NOVEMBER MEETINGS LESS LIKELY IF ONLY BECAUSE SEVERAL WEEKS ARE
NEEDED TO ORGINIZE SESSION.BEAUDRY

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